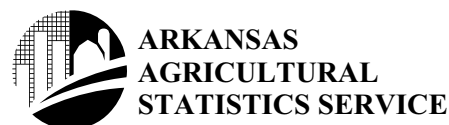


# ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY



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## ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS UP 2 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

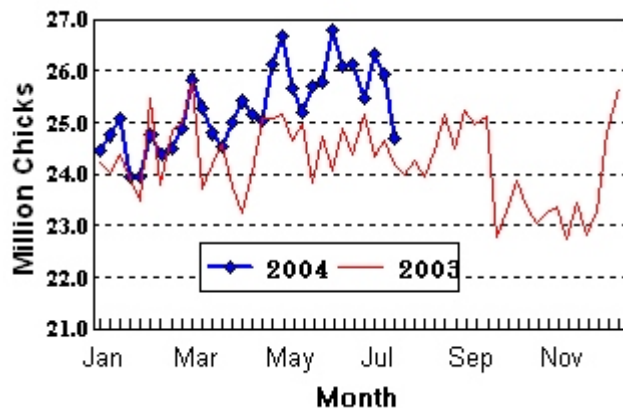
Broiler-type **chicks placed** for meat production in Arkansas was 24.7 million during the week ending July 24, 2004. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week in 2003, but down 5 percent from the revised previous week, and included 2.6 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through July 24, 2004 were 759.1 million, up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type **chicks hatched** for the week was 26.0 million, up 3 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, but down 1 percent from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.5 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 82.6 percent.

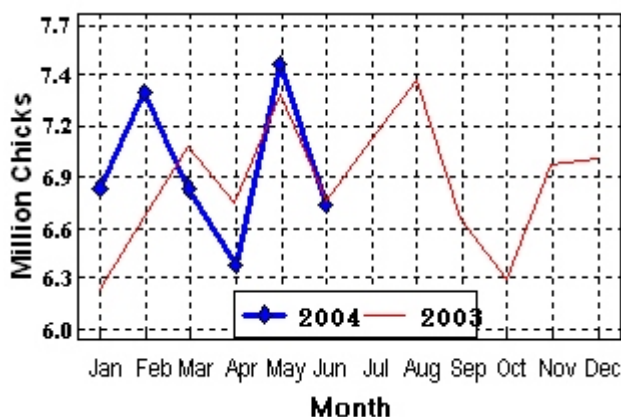
Arkansas hatcheries **set** 31.9 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending July 24, 2004, up 3 percent from the same period last year, and up 1 percent from the previous week.

Leading breeders in the **UNITED STATES** placed 6.7 million **broiler-type pullet chicks** for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during June 2004, down slightly from June 2003.

**ARKANSAS BROILER CHICK PLACEMENTS  
BY WEEK, 2003- 2004**



**U.S. BROILER-TYPE PULLET CHICKS PLACED  
FOR DOMESTIC HATCHERY SUPPLY FLOCKS**



### NET PLACEMENTS IN ARKANSAS

Week Ending	Year		% Change
	2003	2004	
	1,000		
Jun. 19	24,892	26,099	105
Jun. 26	24,413	26,166	107
Jul. 3	25,195	25,484	101
Jul. 10	24,361	26,353	108
Jul. 17	24,697	25,933	105
Jul. 24	24,179	24,709	102

### U.S. PULLET CHICKS PLACED

Month	Year		% Change
	2003	2004	
	1,000		
Jan.	6,269	6,811	109
Feb.	6,659	7,340	110
Mar.	7,038	6,815	97
Apr.	6,735	6,402	95
May	7,323	7,492	102
Jun.	6,748	6,727	100

# BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2004

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/ %	Week Ending						1/ %
	03-Jul	10-Jul	17-Jul	24-Jul		19-Jun	26-Jun	03-Jul	10-Jul	17-Jul	24-Jul	
Alabama	30,690	30,526	30,853	30,430	104	21,235 *	20,484	21,408 *	21,972	21,113	22,328	107
ARKANSAS	31,452	31,489	31,653	31,896	104	26,099 *	26,166 *	25,484 *	26,353	25,933 *	24,709	103
Delaware	3,444	3,561	3,689	3,634	94	4,729	4,908	4,951	4,717	5,093	4,987	97
Florida	1,371	1,366	1,370	1,339	99	1,593 *	1,644	1,603 *	1,498	1,456	1,221	77
Georgia	33,676	33,359	33,438 *	33,088	102	26,869 *	27,414 *	28,124 *	27,286	27,797 *	27,021	105
Kentucky	7,055	7,410	6,970	7,220	105	6,268	6,198	6,035	6,131 *	5,638 *	6,177	108
Louisiana	3,923	3,892	3,907 *	3,923	102	3,908	3,514	3,941	3,755	3,453 *	4,009	109
Maryland	8,892	8,891	8,862	8,916	94	6,276	6,078	6,120	6,119	5,835	5,984	100
Mississippi	19,845	19,845	19,829	19,843	104	17,538	17,258	17,348 *	17,116	17,197	17,203	104
N. Carolina	17,163 *	18,124	18,804	18,093	103	15,071 *	15,383 *	15,117 *	15,355	14,921	13,789	106
Oldahom	6,619	6,216	6,766	6,679	108	4,268	5,372	4,600	4,164	5,142	5,905	126
Pennsylvania	3,737 *	3,763 *	3,964 *	3,847	100	2,339	2,635	2,940 *	2,909 *	2,853 *	2,723	96
S. Carolina	3,785	3,510	3,790	3,850	85	4,408 *	4,087	4,000 *	4,158	3,729	3,815	86
Texas	15,076	15,380	15,246	15,510	107	13,019	12,790	12,752	12,704	12,770	12,638	104
Virginia	6,832	6,863	6,868	6,852	106	5,386	5,236	5,216	5,701	5,448	5,428	106
CA,MO,IN,WV	16,683	16,897	17,441 *	17,488	105	16,294 *	15,744 *	16,263	16,315	16,123 *	15,227	95
Total 2004	210,243 *	211,092 *	213,450 *	212,608		175,300 *	174,911 *	175,902 *	176,253 *	174,501 *	173,164	
Total 2003	205,357	204,920	208,336	207,442		172,611	172,446	171,574	169,458	165,525	167,909	
%Prev. Year	102	103	102	102		102	101	103	104	105	103	
Approximate Marketing Date 2004.....						07-Aug	14-Aug	21-Aug	28-Aug	04-Sep	11-Sep	

\* Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

## EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 2 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 213 million eggs during the week ending July 24, 2004. This was up 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

## BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 3 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 173 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 24, 2004. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 28, 2003 through July 24, 2004 were 5.16 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.